

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1414**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Berg**

February 22, 2005

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An act to amend Section 900 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to environmental health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1414, as introduced, Berg. Children's Environmental Health Center.

Existing law establishes the Children's Environmental Health Center within the Environmental Protection Agency, and provides the center with advisory and other duties relating to the effect of the environment on children's health.

This bill would make a technical nonsubstantive change to the provisions relating to the Children's Environmental Health Center.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 900 of the Health and Safety Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 900. There is hereby created the Children's Environmental
- 4 Health Center within the Environmental Protection Agency. The
- 5 primary purposes of the center shall include all of the following:
- 6 (a) To serve as the chief advisor to the Secretary for
- 7 Environmental Protection and to the Governor on matters within
- 8 the jurisdiction of the Environmental Protection Agency relating

1 to environmental health and environmental protection as each of  
2 those matters relates to children.

3 (b) To assist the boards, departments, and offices within the  
4 Environmental Protection Agency ~~to assess~~ *in assessing* the  
5 effectiveness of statutes, regulations, and programs designed to  
6 protect children from environmental hazards.

7 (c) To coordinate within the Environmental Protection  
8 Agency and with other state agencies, regulatory efforts, research  
9 and data collection, and other programs and services that impact  
10 the environmental health of children, and coordinate with  
11 appropriate federal agencies conducting related regulatory efforts  
12 and research and data collection.

13 (d) In consultation with the State Air Resources Board and the  
14 Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and  
15 notwithstanding Section 7550.5 of the Government Code, to  
16 report to the Legislature and the Governor no later than  
17 December 31, 2001, on the progress of the state board and the  
18 office toward implementing the act that added this part during the  
19 1999–2000 Regular Session and to make recommendations for  
20 any statutory or regulatory changes that may be necessary to  
21 carry out the intent of that act to protect the public health,  
22 including infants and children, from air pollutants and toxic air  
23 contaminants.